THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has informed that each Member of Parliament is entitled to recommend two cases for admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas. In addition, the Members of Parliament who are on the Standing Committee & Consultative Committee attached to the Ministry of Human Resource Development can recommend 3 more cases each. For 1995-96 academic session, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan received 1512 recommendations from Members of Parliament for which orders have already been issued.

Controversies on National Library, Calcutta

661. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new controversies have further deepened the already critical situation in the National Library at Calcutta; and

(b) if so, the details of the controversies and the steps taken to resolve them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPTT OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Finding of International Food Policy Research Institute

662. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) has expressed concern about fall in India's Agriculture farm growth in their report;

(b) the main recommendations therein in regard to supply and demand for food in the next century; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) has observed that India's agricultural growth has been sufficient in recent decades. However, the main observations made in the Report include more emphasis on diversification in agriculture, need to increase capital investment in agriculture, higher outlays for agricultural research and extension, priority for completion of the ongoing irrigation projects, faster growth in institutional credit, and involving the NGOs and private sector in building rural infrastructure, etc.

(c) The findings of the study are of general nature and the Government is already seized of the issues raised therein.

संशोधित व्यापक फसल बीमा योजना

663. **श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी:** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार एक संशोधित व्यापक फसल बीमा योजना के संबंध में विचार कर रही है;

(ख) वर्तमान योजना के उद्देश्य क्या हैं और इसमें संशोधन करने के लिए किन-किन मुद्दों की ओर ध्यान दिलाया गया है; और

(ग) देश के सभी किसानों को इस योजना के अंतर्गत शामिल करने के लिए कौन-कौन से उपाय किये जा रहे हैं?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविन्द नेताम): (क) से (ग) वर्तमान बृहत फसल बीमा योजना देश में प्राकृतिक आपदाओं, जैसे बाढ़ तथा सूखा आदि के कारण फसलों को हुई हानि के परिणामस्वरूप किसानों को वित्तीय समर्थन मुहैया कराने

तथा आगामी मौसम के लिए उनके ऋण पात्रता को बहाल करने के उद्देश्य से 1.4.1985 से क्रियान्वित की जा रही है। विद्यमान योजना को वित्तीय रूप से व्यवहार्य बनाने तथा और अधिक फसलों और किसानों को कवर किए जाने हेतु इस योजना में संशोधन किए जाने पर विचार किया जा रहा है।

Need to Prevent Erosion of River *Brahmputra*

664. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, inspite of the Model Tests, carried out by the investigating branch of the Brahmaputra Board for last decade, it has been slow in taking action for creating spurs, in order to control a large scale erosion of River Brahmaputra near Nimati Ghat and Hatisal; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Flood Control and anti-erosion schemes are planned and executed by the State Government as per their own priority. Brahmaputra Board has been entrusted with the task of preparing Master Plans for flood management in the Brahmaputra & Barak Valleys. Presently, the Board does not execute flood control schemes and has also not conducted model tests for such schemes on river Brahmaputra near Nimatighat and Hatisal.

(b) Does not arise.

Decline in the Manufacture of Penicillin

665. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the manufacture of Penicillin by Hindustan Antibiotics Limited has registered a sharp decline; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Hindustan Antibiotics Limited (HAL) had produced 840.48 MMU (Mega Million Units) of Penicillin-G in 1994-95 as compared to 822.07 MMU in 1993-94. During the period April to June, 1995, HAL produced 174.3 MMU, about 94% of the target for the period. There were two severe failures of power supply from the Maharashtra State Electricity Board in this period resulting in a loss of production of about 23.45 MMU. But for the power failures, the production would have been more than the target set for the first quarter of the year 1995-96.

गुजरात की प्रौढ़ शिक्षा पर आवंटित धनराशि

666. **श्री चिमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल:** क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) सातवीं और आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजनाओं के दौरान प्रौढ़ शिक्षा और ग्रामीण कार्यात्मक साक्षरता कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत गुजरात राज्य को कितनी धनराशि आवंटित की गई है;

(ख) इस कार्यक्रम से कितने स्वयंसेवी संगठन सम्बद्ध हैं;

(ग) प्रति वर्ष कितनी धनराशि का उपयोग नहीं किया गया है; और